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KUTTANAD DEVELOPMENT PACKAGE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details regarding the funding pattern for the various projects involved in the Kuttanad Package recommended by Dr. M.S. Swaminathan Commission;

(b) whether the Government proposes to relax the norms for the Central Sector Schemes included in the package; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a): For development of Kuttanad Wetland Eco-system as a part of Rehabilitation Package for the farmers in suicide prone districts of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala and Maharashtra, the Government has granted 'in-principle' approval for providing financial support for implementing various programmes/interventions suggested by M.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation. The programme/interventions involving financial outlay of Rs.1,840.75 crore are to be implemented by the concerned Ministries/Departments within their existing schemes and funding pattern for which the Government of Kerala will after identifying the activities to be under taken, submit appropriate proposals after formulation of Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) to the concerned Ministries/Departments of the Government of India in accordance with the approved guidelines/procedures for such schemes for release of necessary funds. The Government has also approved that the programmes/interventions involving financial outlay upto Rs.50 lakhs will be implemented by the State Government of Kerala from their own funds under their schemes.

(b): No, Sir.

(c): Does not arise.